

Department of Rehabilitation's Cooperative Programs

Working together to help people get to work.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The development of collaborative programming is a core principle of current workforce development legislation including the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, which re-authorizes the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This legislation requires the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to collaborate with partner agencies to strategically plan, cost-share and integrate activities and information systems.

In this spirit; DOR, county mental health agencies, and local and state education agencies have joined together to establish 165 cooperative programs that provide successful training and employment services. Additionally these programs support 40 contracts with Private non-Profit agencies. These programs have been developed with client and family member participation, and closely adhere to the values of comprehensive service linkages, career development, placement in a competitive integrated environment, and reasonable accommodations.

FACTS

- DOR Cooperative Programs serve over 36,000 clients annually.
- Education and Mental Health Cooperative Programs annually support approximately 9,900 new applications, 8,500 new Individual Employment Plans and successfully close 4,500 cases.
- Thirty-five percent of all DOR successful closures are attributed to Cooperative Programs.
- Sixty percent of the 37,000 transition-aged students-consumers are served by Cooperative Programs.
- Thirty-three percent of the 35,000 consumers with severe psychiatric disabilities are served by Cooperative Programs.
- Over 54% of the consumers served are Black, Hispanic, or Asian American--populations that have been historically underserved.

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